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**Amendment – First**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED March 26, 2003, the following documents are attached:

- Amendment Transmittal Letter
- Amendment (10 pages)
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Sir,

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

**Claims As Amended**

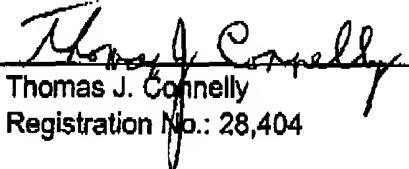
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Respectfully submitted,

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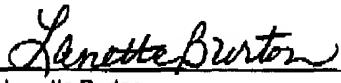
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